



Senator Edwards Wants it Referred to Committee for Taking of Expert Testimony—Sir Richard Cartwright Points Out That Only One or Two Clauses Contentious.

Ottawa, Mar. 8.—In the senate today in moving for the consideration of the grain bill in committee of the whole, Senator Edwards stated that this was a bill of great importance, and he

Mr. Richard Cartwright said that while the bill was lengthy, there would be contention over only one or two clauses. On these, there would be ample opportunity for the members to express their views to the government or to members of the senate. There might be an opportunity given in the Commons for a paper to be read in support of the bill in regard to this bill but the subject had been so thoroughly discussed by deputations and individuals who had appeared before the government, that he did not expect the parliament that he did not at this stage see the need for taking more evidence before a senate committee at this

The motion carried and in committee a number of non-contentious clauses were adopted, the contentious clauses being reserved.

On a clause providing that the commissioners shall reside at Fort Wil-

Sam and Art Arthur, Senator Young thought this restriction might interfere with the efficiency of the inspection. It was desirable that there should be provision of grain clear to the seaboard. He also wanted to know whether the commission would have control over the elevators further west.

Sir Richard said the commissioners had power to take any elevator under its control as a terminal elevator. It was considered advisable to have the headquarters at Fort William and Port Arthur as that was the only place where mixing had apparently been practised. The commissioners had power to sit anywhere.

Sir Richard Cartwright thought the development of the west would keep all the grain routes busy. If it was found necessary the law could be amended at any time so as to change the headquarters of the commission. The clause was approved. It was decided to resume consideration of the bill Thursday.

Ottawa, March 9.—At a meeting of Dominion Rifle Association executive, it was decided that the Canadian Hsley team should sail on June 23. This means that they will not be there in time for the coronation.

The competitions which occur on March 10-11-12 Hsley meetings are only for

July 1 in his meeting are only for British regiments and the first Canadians could enter are on July 17, thus if the Canadians went for the coronation, it would mean a month's stay in England. This, the executive cannot see their way clear to manage.

Washington, March 15.—Democratic leaders in the House today took upon a tentative plan for the special session to be convened on April 15th. The House Democrats probably will meet in the Senate's receding arena, and the plan provides that a large part of the cotton schedule of the Payne-Aldrich tariff law, and will then pass a bill reducing duties on wool, and then take up the all-important series of life, including certain articles of wearing apparel. This accomplished, the Democrats, according to the plan, will then propose a general revision of the tariff until later, after they have had an opportunity to make a more complete investigation. This would make the next session a short one, probably 30 days.

There is a probability that the proposition for amending the constitution to permit the direct election of Senators also will be taken up in the coming special session. The only other legislation that the Democrats in the special session is a reappointment bill. This bill, increasing the House membership to 100, will be introduced by Speaker Ding Hoag, chiefly through the efforts of Senators Hoag and Depew. The passage of a reappointment bill before the next December session would be a great advantage to the Democrats, as it would make it possible for them to gerrymander several States, which may fall into the hands of the opposition.

They say that the policy of the

Democrats in the next Congress in all probability will decide the fate of the 1912 national election. If the Democrats make good they can go before the country in 1912 with a united party, and with a strong Presidential

candidate, can make an effectual appeal for the support of the Independent vote, on which will depend in a great measure whether a Democrat or a Republican occupies the White House two years hence.

With the aid of Republican insurgents, they can dominate the Senate, for with all vacancies filled that body will stand 50 Republicans and 42 Democrats.

The leaders of the party have indicated quite early their general ideas of revisions though they have not yet gone into specifications. Champ Clark, who is to be Speaker, and Representative Underwood, who is to be chairman of the Ways and Means Committee, are in favor of schedule by schedule revision, that is to say, the passage of the separate bills dealing with individual schedules.

The action of Senator Bailey in resigning suddenly from the Senate Saturday and then recalling the resignation, has served to emphasize the cleavage in the Democratic minority in the Senate.

A steering committee consisting of chairman of the most important committees of the House will conduct the legislative programme of the next Congress. This was decided upon by the Democratic leaders today, at the same time it became known that ex-Speaker Cannon had declined to serve as the minority leader. The southerners will be in absolute control.

Edmonton, March 19th.—No changes in the local markets were to be noted since the beginning of the week when wheat and flour took a drop. The hay market was very quiet and there seems to be an abundance of hay every where; no longer as dear as today. It has been reported that the Government was shipping hay from the Edmonton district, the most of the hay he received being coming from Olds and Carstairs where there is no dearth of hay as yet. In fact, all through the south country there seems to be a surplus of hay and the country was anticipated. The high price of hay that was expected has not materialized. The Government is contracting a railway to Fort McMurray has thrown a lot of hay on the market for which it is being sold at a low price. The great demand for freighting has

The produce market is still weak, as noted in the retail prices for eggs on the open market; produce companies are paying still less than they were at the beginning of the week. Hutter still holds his own. In business for 15 years, he has many important places in the local markets. At a sale held on The First street market today a lot of 41 from 1-6-month; chagened; 100 from 6-12 months; 100 from 12-18 months; 1500, all hutter-broken, some harness-broken, \$140 per team on an average, was the price paid; there were all entered in our sale; and the buyers were all taking pictures than all

In the list of prices retail prices are quoted except where stated. Hay, beef, fish, butter and eggs are given from the local market, grain from the millers, poultry from the retail dealers, as there is no supply of these on the market.

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